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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims of the application as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for outputting formatted information comprising:
 an input data text file comprising a plurality of name/value pairs;
 a computer program including a formatting source code for producing an output in a first format;
 a recipe text file comprising a plurality of formatting descriptions, at least some of the said formatting descriptions indicating a link to one or more of the said plurality of name/value pairs; and
 an execution program configured to:
 convert the said recipe text file into a sequence of executable objects;
 receive a request from said computer program for rendering outputs said output; and
 in response to the said request, execute the said sequence of executable objects to render one or more of said plurality of name/value pairs into said output in a second format in accordance with said plurality of formatting descriptions, without modifying said formatting source code.
 ~~; such that format can be changed by coordinated alternation of said input data text file and said recipe text file.~~

 2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said ~~outputs form~~ output comprises a label.

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3. (Currently Amended) A method for outputting formatted information comprising the steps of:

- providing an input data text file comprising a plurality of name/value pairs;
- providing a computer program including a formatting source code for producing an output in a first format;
- providing a recipe text file comprising a plurality of formatting descriptions, at least some of ~~the~~ said formatting descriptions indicating a link to one or more of ~~the~~ said plurality of name/value pairs;
- converting ~~the~~ said recipe text file into a sequence of executable objects;
- receiving a first request from said computer program for rendering ~~outputs~~ said output; and
- executing ~~the~~ said sequence of executable objects, in response to said first request, to render one or more of said plurality of name/value pairs into said output in a second format in accordance with said plurality of formatting descriptions, without modifying said formatting source code;
- modifying said recipe text file to ~~include~~ form a modified recipe text file comprising one or more modified formatting descriptions, at least some of said modified formatting descriptions indicating a link to one or more of said plurality of name/value pairs;
- converting said modified recipe text file ~~as modified~~ into a modified sequence of executable objects;
- receiving a ~~second~~ subsequent request for rendering ~~outputs~~ said output; and
- in response to said subsequent request, executing ~~the~~ said modified sequence of executable objects to render one or more of said plurality of name/value pairs into said output in a modified format in accordance with said plurality of modified formatting descriptions, without modifying said formatting source code.

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4. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 3 further comprising the step of:
 modifying said input data text file ~~including~~ to include one or more modified
 name/value pairs.
5. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 3, wherein said step of executing
 the modified sequence of executable objects produces a label.
6. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 3, wherein said step of executing
 the modified sequence of executable objects produces a report.
7. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 3, wherein said step of executing
 the modified sequence of executable objects produces said ~~outputs~~ output on a printer.
8. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 3, wherein said step of executing
 the modified sequence of executable objects produces said ~~outputs~~ output in an electronic
 format.
9. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 3, wherein said step of providing a
 recipe text file further comprises:
 providing, in at least some of said formatting descriptions, a composite artifact
 configured to render said ~~outputs~~ output in a particular arrangement.
10. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 3, wherein said step of providing a
 recipe text file further comprises:
 providing, in at least some of said formatting descriptions, an artifact modifier
 configured to test whether the value in one or more of said plurality of name/value pairs falls
 within a predetermined range of acceptable values before said ~~outputs are~~ output is rendered.

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11. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said ~~outputs form~~ output comprises a report.
12. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said execution program is further configured to render said ~~outputs~~ output on a printer.
13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said execution program is further configured to render said ~~outputs~~ output in an electronic format.
14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein at least some of said formatting descriptions include a composite artifact configured to render said ~~outputs~~ output in a particular arrangement.
15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein at least some of said formatting descriptions include an artifact modifier configured to test whether the value in one or more of said plurality of name/value pairs falls within a predetermined range of acceptable values before said ~~outputs are~~ output is rendered.

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16. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein said execution program is further configured to:

modify said recipe text file to form a modified recipe text file comprising one or more modified formatting descriptions, at least some of said modified formatting descriptions indicating a link to one or more of said plurality of name/value pairs;

convert said modified recipe text file into a modified sequence of executable objects;

receive a subsequent request for rendering said output; and

in response to said subsequent request, execute said modified sequence of executable objects to render one or more of said plurality of name/value pairs into said output in a modified format in accordance with said plurality of modified formatting descriptions, without modifying said formatting source code.

17. (New) The system of claim 16, wherein said output comprises a label.

18. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein said execution program is further configured to:

modify said input data text file to include one or more modified name/value pairs.

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19. (New) An executable software program product for controlling the output format of a second computer program, said second computer program including a formatting source code for producing an output in a first format, said executable software program product comprising:

a recipe text file comprising a plurality of formatting descriptions, at least of some of said formatting descriptions indicating a link to one or more of a plurality of name/value pairs stored in an input data file; and

an execution module configured to:

receive said input data file;

convert said recipe text file into a sequence of executable objects,

receive a request from said second computer program to render said

output; and

execute said sequence of executable objects to render one or more of said plurality of name/value pairs into said output in a second format in accordance with said plurality of formatting descriptions without modifying said formatting source code.

20. (New) The executable software program product of claim 19, wherein said output comprises a label.

21. (New) The executable software program product of claim 19, wherein said output comprises a report.

22. (New) The executable software program product of claim 19, wherein said execution module is further configured to render said output on a printer.

23. (New) The executable software program product of claim 19, wherein said execution module is further configured to render said output in an electronic format.

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24. (New) The executable software program product of claim 19, wherein at least some of said formatting descriptions include a composite artifact configured to render said output in a particular arrangement.

25. (New) The executable software program product of claim 19, wherein at least some of said formatting descriptions include an artifact modifier configured to test whether the value in one or more of said plurality of name/value pairs falls within a predetermined range of acceptable values before said output is rendered.

26. (New) The executable software program product of claim 19, wherein said execution module is further configured to modify said input data text file to include one or more modified name/value pairs.

27. (New) The executable software program product of claim 19, wherein said execution module is further configured to:

modify said recipe text file to form a modified recipe text file comprising one or more modified formatting descriptions, at least some of said modified formatting descriptions indicating a link to one or more of said plurality of name/value pairs;

convert said modified recipe text file into a modified sequence of executable objects;

receive a subsequent request for rendering said output; and

in response to said subsequent request, execute said modified sequence of executable objects to render one or more of said plurality of name/value pairs into said output in a modified format in accordance with said plurality of modified formatting descriptions, without modifying said formatting source code.

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28. (New) The executable software program product of claim 27, wherein said output comprises a label.